

Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action mailed November 17, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendment, and the remarks which follow. No new matter is added with the amendments, which are fully supported by the specification.

Claims 2 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Applicant wishes to express appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 30, 2003 and March 8, 2005 have been considered. In addition, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance of claims 1, 6-9 and 14-16.

Objections to the Specification

The disclosure stands objected to as containing informalities. Applicant has amended the specification herein to correct all identified informalities. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 2-5 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that in claim 2, lines 1-3, "the test mode decoder means is controlled by the test mode setting signal and" should be deleted. In addition, the Examiner indicated that in line 7, "the group selecting signal" does not have a clear antecedent basis. The Examiner bases the rejection of claims 3-5 because they are dependent upon the rejected base claim 2.

The Examiner stated that in claim 10, line 7, "the group selecting signal" does not have a clear antecedent basis. The Examiner bases the rejection of claims 11-13 because they are dependent upon the rejected base claim 10.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in light of the amendments to the claims made herein. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 2-5 and 10-13 and allow all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant respectfully requests that all objections and rejections be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be forthcoming. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for applicant at 202-912-2160 for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

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